

Amendments to Specification

Please add the following new paragraph on page 1, before the first paragraph:

-- This Application is a Continuation Application of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/000,044, filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 18, 2001, entitled PREFORMED WINDOW TREATMENT. --

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

[0016] The present invention may be in the form of a kit. Such a kit could contain a preformed mold 60, a pattern matched to preformed mold 60 and one or more rod hooks 600 (FIGURE 6A). The rod hooks 600 may be part of the preformed mold 60 or separate units as described in reference to FIGURES 9A and 9B. The kit could also contain an adhesive. The adhesive may be a separate component, integrated with the pattern or a combination thereof.

Please replace paragraph [0017] with the following amended paragraph:

[0017] The consumer can select any fabric for the window treatment. To assemble the window treatment, the consumer would have to cut a piece of fabric to conform to the desired window treatment style. For example, a swag treatment pattern 400 could appear as shown in FIGURE 4. It would be basically fan-shaped. Its dimensions would vary to accommodate preformed mold 60. A larger fan-shaped swag treatment pattern 400 would be required to fit a larger preformed mold 60. Additionally, in order to facilitate attachment to the rod hook 600 (FIGURE 6A), a swag treatment pattern 400 would have an additional length of material 410 and 420 at the smaller end of the fan shape. Length

of material 420 would wrap further around the rod hook 600 (FIGURE 6A) then length of material 410. The attachment of the rod hook 600 is discussed in greater detail in reference to FIGURES 6A, 6B and 6C, below. Alignment tabs 470 on the pattern 400 correspond to alignment tabs 70 (FIGURE 2) on preformed mold 60 (FIGURE 2). Each point, such as 480, would be mirrored on the opposite side of the pattern 400 and would correspond to a hump 80 (FIGURE 2). The pattern 400 could also double as a method to adhere the fabric to preformed mold 60 (FIGURE 2), thereby also providing additional shaping support. If the pattern 400 contains adhesive on both sides, one side can be affixed to the fabric to hold the pattern in place while the fabric is cut. Then, the adhesive on the other side can be used to adhere the fabric to the preformed mold 60. In this case, the pattern 400 would also require some form of “peel-away” backing over the adhesive in order to keep it from sticking to everything. Alternatively, a separate adhesive may be applied to either the fabric or preformed mold 60 (FIGURE 2).

Please replace paragraph [0028] with the following paragraph:

[0028] Now referring to FIGURES 10A-10F, various shapes of the preformed mold 60 are shown in accordance with the present invention. FIGURE 10A depicts an implementation of the present invention using a semi-circular shaped preformed mold 1010. FIGURE 10B depicts an implementation of the present invention using a preformed mold 1020 that is hung over a pole-type rod 1030. FIGURE 10C depicts an implementation of the present invention using a semi-circular shaped preformed mold 1040 having humps 80 in the lower portion 1050 and no humps in the upper portion 1060. FIGURE 10D depicts an implementation of the present invention using an elliptical shaped preformed mold 1070.

FIGURE 10E depicts an implementation of the present invention using a U-shaped preformed mold 1080. FIGURE 10F depicts an implementation of the present invention using a small semi-circular shaped preformed mold 1090 without lower humps. --